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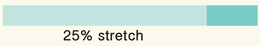
Picking your Hoodie Fabric

Depending on the fabric you pick for your Avocado hoodie, you can make very different versions, from warm & casual to light & sporty. To get the look you want, it's important to keep a few things in mind while fabric shopping.

Stretch

Your fabric must have stretch.

25-50% stretch will make for a comfortable hoodie.



At15% stretch you may need to make your hoodie a size larger.

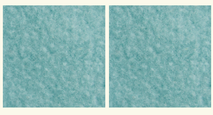
Drape

Spandex will help give the fabric drape & stretch, but it degrades when heated, so avoid putting it in the dryer.

A drapey fabric is needed for overlapping hood A, but you don't have to use a fabric with spandex to get drape. Blends with rayon & thinner fabrics tend to have more drape than all cotton or all polyester fabrics that are thicker.

Fleece

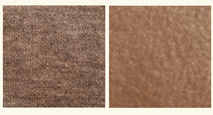
Watch out for fleece that does not stretch. It will not work with this pattern.



Fleece

Napped, or brushed, on both sides of fabric

Polar fleece, especially from chain fabric stores, is too heavy & will make your garment too tight.. Microfleece can work since it is lighter weight.



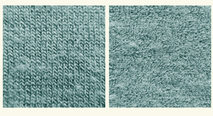
Sweatshirt Fleece

Jersey on one side, fleece on the other

Use medium to light weight fleece. Heavy weight fleece will be too bulky & make your garment too tight. Be cautious of double faced fabric with jersey bonded to fleece; it might not have enough stretch.

Velour Fleece v. French Terry

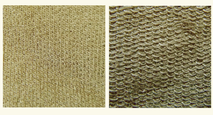
Some stores confuse velour fleece with French terry. Keep that in mind while shopping.



Velour Fleece

Jersey on one side, long loops similar to a towel that stick out from the fabric on the other

You may need to lighten the tension on your presser foot because of the loops.



French Terry

Jersey on one side with small, flattened, dense loops that are close to the fabric on the other

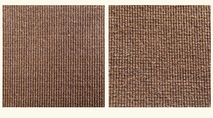
This fabric is often lighter weight, so will be too thin for a warm & cozy hoodie.

Active Wear Knits

Choose a medium weight, moisture-wicking fabric for a sportier look.
Look for fabric with different colors on each side for easy color blocking.

Ottoman Knit

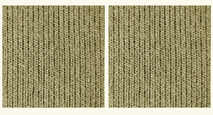
Dense rib knit on one side, horizontal ribs on the other



Doubleknit

Reversible fabric made of two layers

Doubleknit fabric is made of two layers of interlocking jersey. Some 'double faced' fabrics can refer to double knits & some refer to two layers of fabric that have been bonded together. Watch out for double sided fabrics with minimal stretch.



Swatch!

When buying fabric online, order a swatch so you can verify if it is light enough, has enough stretch & feels soft against your skin. If you don't want to or can't order a swatch, e-mail the shop for more information about the fabric, like percentage of stretch.

Disparate Disciplines

The Avocado Hoodie features pockets in the back so as you're walking with your partner you can put your hand in their back pocket to stay warm. To purchase the Avocado hoodie & get more tips go to http://disparatedisciplines.com

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For more info on different kinds of fabric go to http://www.textileglossary.com/sitemap/